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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

STORIED CELEBRATION

By MARGA LINCOLN, Independent Record 05/15/08

Thanks to two sisters from across Montana, students from two very different communities came together in a unique storytelling project.



George Lane, [IR staff](#) photographer - Jace Matt, left, and Aaron Yazzie of the Salish Dancers make their way around the Capitol Rotunda as members of the Young Grey Horse Drummers, of Browning, provide the beat Wednesday at the Montana Youth Cultural Celebration

TSA ANNOUNCES TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PHOTO ID CARDS ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTS FOR DOMESTIC FLIGHTS

NCAI is delighted that after months of collaboration, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced on April 28 it

will officially accept Tribal government photo ID cards as identification for domestic flights.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF POW-WOW



Ashland, Mont. --- St. Labre seventh grade Academy student, "Bucky" Old Elk, leads eleven of his fellow classmates in a round of intertribal drumming and singing amidst the watchful eyes of his instructor Mr. Headswift. Only this time, Old Elk is not in the comforts of the classroom.

MONTANA'S TOURISM & RECREATION INDUSTRY PARTNERS COMPLETE 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

(HELENA) – In culmination of a process that involved the participation of over 1,200 Montanans, the state's tourism industry is unveiling its newly updated 5-Year Montana Tourism and Strategic Plan for 2008-2012. Some of the top priorities set forth in the plan

include: enhancing and preserving what's so special about Montana while strengthening visitation in "off peak" seasons; targeting "high value, low impact" niche market visitors; connecting more visitors with Montana-made and grown products; and increasing the capacity of community, regional and tribal tourism organizations. The statewide plan is available at www.travelmontana.mt.gov/2008strategicplan.

RIVER HONORING HAS BECOME AN INSTITUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING

By B.L. Azure Char-Koosta News 05.15.08



Tim Ryan showed students many of the traditional tools that tribal people used way back when including this fish netting device. (B.L. Azure photo)

RONAN — The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes annual River Honoring has become an institution since its inception in 1986. Since then approximately 17,000 students from area schools have made the journey to the banks of the Lower Flathead River to get a dose of the Tribes' ages-old take on the environment as stewards of the natural world.

EVENT LINES UP INDIAN TALENT

By JENI DODD, Great Falls Tribune 05/15/08

The National Folk Festival from July 11-13 in Butte will have what organizers believe will be the largest Native American representation in the event's history, said Julia Olin, executive director of the National Council for Traditional Arts. Seventy percent of the expected

participants in this year's Folklife Area of the festival are Native American, she said.

LAMERE: JUNE 3, A 'RED-LETTER DAY' IN INDIAN POLITICAL HISTORY

SIOUX CITY, S.D. - Imagine a scenario in which a primary vote to select a presidential nominee or an election to choose the president depended on voting results in South Dakota or Montana. The Native vote could determine the outcome. That scenario is virtually the case in the June 3 primaries in South Dakota and Montana, said Frank LaMere, a member of the Winnebago Indians of Nebraska.

RECORD NUMBER OF AMERICAN INDIAN ENGINEERING GRADUATES POWERED BY NEW MSU SUPPORT PROGRAM



Members of the first group of an MSU program that supports American Indian students pursuing engineering degrees have a lot to smile about as graduation day nears. From left, Floyd Azure of Poplar, Freeland Demaray of Colstrip and Sydney Resel and Jade Watts of Bozeman, are four of nine Native American students who will graduate with engineering degrees in 2008. All benefitted from MSU's Designing Our Community program. Funded by the Hewlett Foundation, DOC is part of the College of Engineering's diversity efforts under the Engineering Minority Program, often called EMPower. MSU photo by Kelly Gorham.

BOZEMAN — Sydney Resel will walk alone across the podium to receive her bachelor's degree in civil engineering, but she says she could not have gotten there by herself.

BLACKFEET NATION FIGHTS FOR SOVEREIGN RIGHTS

By [Rob Capriccioso](#) Indian Country Today® 05/21/08

Friday, May 23, 2008

WASHINGTON - In response to a ruling by a Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals three-judge panel, which found that the Blackfeet Nation of Montana can be sued for placing tribal members in faulty homes, the tribe's housing authority has filed a petition for rehearing before the full court.

THESE LADIES KNOW APSALOOKE FASHION

Story by Janice Hudetz and Emily Haas
Photos by Janice Hudetz and Casey Kills Pretty Enemy
CrowNews.Net



There are only about five remaining Crow women who prefer to dress in the style of a period that expressed strong Apsalooke identity and pride. These Crow ladies who wear the traditional fashion are meticulous about their styles and colors. Neatness and tidiness are paramount.

INDIAN ALLIANCE CUTS MEDICAL DIRECTOR

By MARGA LINCOLN - Independent Record - 05/21/08
The Helena Indian Alliance is laying off the medical director of the Leo Pocha Health Clinic in order to cut costs.

SEARCH ON FOR NATIVE ART FUND DIRECTOR

By JODI RAVE of the Missoulian 05/18/08

A national search is under way for a president to lead a new multimillion-dollar art foundation to promote indigenous art and culture throughout Native America.

VETS CAN GET A HELPING HAND FROM RESERVATION'S ONLY ACTIVE TVRS

By John McGill, Glacier Reporter 05/21/08

"Anyone who's already attempted to submit paperwork without results should let us know," said Gerald Cooper, local Tribal Veterans Representative. He and Tonaya Whitegrass reported last week on their having graduated from updating training Friday, May 9, offering a variety of services to Blackfeet Country vets.

NATIVE AMERICAN BANK HUSH ON PRESIDENT'S LEAVE

By JODI RAVE of the Missoulian 05/16/08

Who's in charge of the bank? Native American Bank board leaders have yet to announce why the national bank's president was placed on administrative leave more than two weeks ago.

AS most of us prepare for a nice long Memorial Weekend, please remember to buckle up! You may have heard or seen the **Room to Live** public service announcements on the radio or TV sponsored by the Montana Department of Transportation and the Highway Patrol. Those spots are excerpted from the **Room to Live** video. This is a powerful video to be shared with everyone:

http://www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/room_to_live.shtml

JOB VACANCIES:

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

Position #61106108, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$40,095 to \$50,119 DOQ. This position supports the success of Montana State Government by encouraging and exercising leadership in the development of effective human resource management policies and programs. Application deadline: Monday June 2, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=336

ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN, POSITION #61166520, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$19,881 to \$24,851 DOQ. Provides accounts payable, invoicing, and monthly reconciling functions to the Montana Lottery. Application deadline: Monday June 2, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=337

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, POSITION #61166539, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Position is part-time, 20 hours per week. Wage \$8.05 to \$10.06 DOQ. Provides reception desk coverage, assists visitors and answers the main telephone system for the Montana Lottery. Application deadline: Wednesday June 4, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=339

BUDGET ANALYST, POSITION #61166068, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$39,807 to \$49,759 DOQ. Coordinates preparation of the division annual budget, provides accounting services for the division, and acts as a liaison with state entities regarding budgetary and financial issues. Application deadline: Monday June 9, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_E_MPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=338

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY SPECIALIST-

Position 52010 & 55010 State of Montana Department of Transportation, Helena. Salary \$45,362-\$48,851 Annually. There are two positions open. The positions provide professional development, implementation, and management of occupational safety and health, employee safety, and risk management programs for the agency at the district level. Serves as the district expert on the implementation and administration of safety programs; interpretation of safety regulations; safety awareness; safety training, and safety compliance. Is required to travel extensively between the two assigned districts. For a complete listing and to apply, please see us at www.mdt.mt.gov. Closes May 23, 2008

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR Position No.: 22849 Division: Montana State Prison Bargaining Unit: 5 Location: Deer Lodge Supplement: YES Status: Permanent/Full-Time Shift: 8:00 – 4:00 Days to be determined Salary: \$19.956/hr Band: 005 MFSPE. Application Deadline: Applications may be returned to any local Job Service Office or the Montana State Prison by email, fax or hard copy o later than 5:00 p.m. 5/30/08 to personnel: 600 Conley Lake Road fax to (406)846-2950 email to whislop@mt.gov

Deer Lodge, MT 59722

ACCOUNTANT. Position 21042, Montana Department Of Transportation, Salary \$37,428 - \$46,786 Annually. Responsible for a variety of duties such as Accounting treatment, grant management, budget monitoring, internal controls and other duties as assigned. For a complete listing and to apply, please see us at www.mdt.mt.gov.

EVENTS/TRAINING:

NATIONAL RURAL INSTITUTE ON ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE

Menominee, WI
June 1-5, 2008

There are full scholarships available including air travel to the National Rural Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Menominee, WI, June 1-5, 2008. This is an exceptional training experience for those interested in evidence-based practices relating to alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment and drug courts (wellness courts). There is also a Native American Track (one of 14) facilitated by Robert Blackwolf Jones, MS, Certified AODA Counselor, Kenneth R. Ninham, MSE, CADC III, CCS-G and Florence Ninham, BS, CADC III, CCS-G.

These scholarships are available from the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. Applications should be made immediately through the following web site: <http://www.uwstout.edu/outreach/conf/nri> or by calling 715-232-2460.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

has partnered with two other Federal agencies, Health and Human Services ([HHS](#)) and the Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs ([BIA](#)) - along with the Partnership for Drug-Free America ([PDFA](#)) and the National Congress of American Indians ([NCAI](#)) - to launch the first ever anti-meth public service campaign targeted towards the American Indian and Native Alaskan populations.

[The campaign's print and radio ads are available as free public service announcements \(PSAs\).](#)

KICKING HORSE JOB CORPS CENTER ANNOUNCES REGIONAL APPROVAL TO TAKE APPLICATIONS

RONAN — Kicking Horse Job Corps Center has received approval from the Dallas Regional Office of Job Corps to take applications directly for individuals on the Flathead Reservation. To enroll in Job Corps, applicants must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:

- 1) Be at least 16, but not yet 25 years old, on the date of arrival at a Job Corps center (i.e., time of enrollment). For otherwise eligible individuals with disabilities, the maximum age limit may be waived (the minimum age is still 16).
- 2) Have a signed consent form for automatic Selective Service registration (for male applicants).
- 3) Be a United States citizen, a United States National, a lawfully admitted permanent resident alien, refugee, asylum seek, or parolee, or other alien who has been authorized by the Attorney General to work in the United States.
- 4) Be a low-income individual.
- 5) Be an individual who is one of more of the following:
 - a) A school dropout
 - b) An individual who requires additional education, vocational training, or intensive career counseling and related assistance in order to participate successfully in regular schoolwork or to secure and hold employment

- c) Basic skills deficient
- d) Homeless, runaway, or a foster child
- e) A parent.

Potential students must have the willingness and ability to benefit from Job Corps and be able to commit to a zero tolerance policy for drugs, alcohol, sexual harassment and violence. For more information visit www.cskt.org and click on the Kicking Horse Job Corps link or call Lance Friedlander or Shelly Fyant at 644-2217.

GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

CALL TO ARTISTS - CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Dahl Arts Center is looking for artists working on innovative approaches to traditional or contemporary forms of The Art of Personal Adornment

WHO: Artists from South Dakota and adjacent states are asked to submit materials to be considered for an inaugural exhibition in the newly expanded Dahl galleries.

WHAT: Artists are required to submit four (high-quality digital) images representative of work created in the last two years. All work must be original, made by the artist, and completed within the last two years. Submitted works are open to a full range of processes and materials. Categories include but are not limited to: beadwork, metalsmithing, lapidary, natural materials, non-traditional materials and glasswork. Invitations to participate in the exhibit will be based on creativity, innovation, quality, consistency and craftsmanship of the work as shown by the images submitted. Jurors: Ken Bova, Elizabeth Bucheit and Bently Spang. Cash Awards. Entry Fee: \$25.

WHY: One of a trio of shows celebrating the grand opening of the newly expanded Dahl Arts Center in January 2009, this exhibit is designed to explore the breadth and depth of personal adornment through objects created by artists in South Dakota and its adjacent states. Cash awards will be presented. On-line and printed publications will be produced in conjunction with the exhibition.

WHEN: Entry postmark deadline... July 1, 2008 Work to arrive by December 15, 2008

Exhibit dates... January 16 - March 29, 2009

WHERE: NEW Dahl Arts Center, 713 Seventh St, Rapid City, SD 57701

Entry forms and exhibit details are available by mail, e-mail, at the Dahl Arts Center or on-line at www.thedahl.org. The Dahl Arts Center is a municipal facility administered by the Rapid City Arts Council with partial operating support funded by the Allied Arts Fund, the SD Department of Tourism and State Development and the National Endowment for the Arts.

THE 2008 MONTANA TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (TIIP) GRANT APPLICATIONS

Available (as of Tuesday, May 20) on Travel Montana's Intranet Site: www.travelmontana.mt.gov/forms/

The 2008 application has been revised from past years. It has fewer sections (4 ... down from 5), some more specific requests for information about your tourism-related facility and grant project and reference to the updated Montana Tourism & Recreation Strategic Plan 2008-2012.

We anticipate a grant pool of \$300,000 in 2008...up \$50,000 from the 2007 program. We'll confirm that Grant Pool amount in early June following the finalization of Travel Montana's budgeting process.

TIIP Grant Application submission **deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, August 1.**

If you have any questions, contact Travel Montana's Tourism Development Coordinator Victor Bjornberg at 841-2795, vbjornberg@mt.gov. We look forward to receiving – and funding – your TIIP applications.

NATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT RESEARCH LABORATORY INNOVATION AND RESEARCH FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Eligible Applicants: Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

Description: The general objective of this research effort is to produce, evaluate, and summarize performance, cost, and value data and information about innovative technologies (i.e., systems, devices, procedures) that will assist the user community to reduce the cost and improve the effectiveness of design, operation, maintenance, rehabilitation, and replacement of aging/failing wastewater/stormwater/drinking water conveyance and treatment infrastructure. Outputs are sought that can be producing their intended benefits for the user community within four years. The user community consists of utilities (primary client), technology and service providers, researchers and research funding organizations, and regulators.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR INDIAN TRIBES AND ALASKA NATIVE VILLAGES

Additional Information on Eligibility: Eligible applicants are Indian tribes or tribal organizations on behalf of Indian tribes. To apply for funding, you must be eligible as an Indian tribe (or as a tribal organization), as required by 24 CFR 1003.5, by the application deadline date. Tribal organizations are permitted to submit applications under 24 CFR 1003.5(b) on behalf of eligible tribes when one or more eligible tribe(s) authorize the organization to do so under concurring resolutions. The tribal organization must itself be eligible under Title I of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) or the Indian Health Service (IHS), as appropriate, must make a determination of such eligibility. This determination must be provided to the Area ONAP by the application deadline.

Description: The purpose of the ICDBG program is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons with low- and moderate- incomes as defined in 24 CFR 1003.4. The ONAP in HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing administers the program. 1. Single Purpose Grants. Projects funded by the ICDBG program must meet the primary objective, defined at 24 CFR 1003.2, to principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Consistent with this objective, not less than 70 percent of the expenditures of each single-purpose grant shall be for activities that meet the regulatory criteria at 24 CFR 1003.208 for: a. Area Benefit Activities b. Limited Clientele Activities c. Housing Activities d. Job Creation or Retention Activities ICDBG funds may be used to improve housing stock, provide community facilities, improve infrastructure, and expand job opportunities by supporting the economic development of the communities, especially by nonprofit tribal organizations or local development

corporations. ICDBG single-purpose grants are distributed as annual competitive grants, in response to this NOFA.

Link to Full Announcement: [Application Download web page](#)

If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

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202-402-3316 [Program Contact](#)

COPS SECURE OUR SCHOOLS GRANT

Additional Information on Eligibility: Law Enforcement Agencies Nationwide

Description: The COPS Office is pleased to announce the availability of funding under the COPS Secure Our Schools (SOS) 2008 grant program. Approximately \$13 million is available in FY2008 to provide funding to law enforcement agencies to assist with the development of school safety resources and provide improved security at schools and on school grounds. This program will fund up to 50% of the total cost to implement one or more of the following options: placement and use of metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures; security assessments; security training of personnel and students; coordination with local law enforcement; and/or any other measure that may provide a significant improvement in security. This year, the program is open to all law enforcement agencies nationwide. The application process will be competitive, and as such it is recommended that interested law enforcement agencies use this time, early in the solicitation period, to contact and develop partnerships with area schools that need to enhance or improve school safety and security equipment and/or measures. To be considered for funding, completed applications must be submitted on-line or postmarked no later than June 13, 2008. There are three ways to apply for the SOS 2008 grant program. 1) You may obtain a copy of the application materials by calling the COPS Response Center at 1.800.421.6770. 2) You may print the application materials from a writeable PDF file that is available for download from the link below. [If you elect to use this format, please understand that you may not submit your application via e-mail. It must be mailed and must contain original signatures.] 3) As of May 23, 2008 you also may apply on-line at www.grants.gov. To view the application and apply on-line, go to https://apply.grants.gov/forms_apps_idx.html. The opportunity code for this program is COPS-SOS-2008-1.

Link to Full Announcement: [COPS Funding Page](#)

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TRIBAL RESOURCES GRANT PROGRAM

Eligible Applicants: Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

Description: The COPS Office is pleased to announce the availability of funding under the COPS Tribal Resources Grant Program 2008 (TRGP 2008). Up to \$15 million in federal funds is available in Fiscal Year 2008 to address the serious needs of tribal law enforcement. The TRGP 2008 grant program is a comprehensive program that provides a variety of funding options including officer background investigations, law enforcement training, uniforms, basic

issue equipment, department-wide technology, and vehicles for officers. The program's aim is to enhance tribal law enforcement infrastructure and community policing efforts. This program is open to all Federally Recognized Tribes with established police departments. In addition, tribes that are currently served by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) law enforcement may request funding under TRGP 2008 to supplement their existing police services. Requests under this program must reflect otherwise unfunded needs. There is no local match requirement for the TRGP 2008 grant; therefore, the COPS Office will prioritize funding to agencies that demonstrate the greatest need for federal assistance. There is a cap of \$200,000 for agencies with 20 or fewer sworn officer positions, and a cap of \$400,000 for agencies with at least 21 sworn officer positions. To be considered for funding, completed applications must be submitted on-line or postmarked no later than June 13, 2008. There are three ways to apply for the TRGP 2008 grant program. 1) You may obtain a copy of the application materials by calling the COPS Response Center at 1.800.421.6770. 2) You may print the application materials from a writeable PDF file that is available for download from the link below. [If you elect to use this format, please understand that you may not submit your application via e-mail. It must be mailed and postmarked as instructed below and must contain original signatures.] 3) As of May 23, 2008 you also may apply on-line at www.grants.gov. To view the application and apply on-line, go to https://apply.grants.gov/forms_apps_idx.html. The opportunity code for this program is COPS-TRGP-2008-1.

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CCDO FY 09 WEED AND SEED COMMUNITIES COMPETITIVE PROGRAM

Additional Information on Eligibility: Per H.R. 3402 Sec. 103(b) and Sec. 105, eligible applicants include these: State governments, including **Indian tribal governments**; Local governments; and Neighborhood and community-based organizations.

Description: The Weed and Seed strategy aims to prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, criminal drug-related activity, and gang activity. The Weed and Seed initiative is a community-based, comprehensive multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and neighborhood restoration. It is designed for neighborhood with persistent high levels of serious crime and corresponding social problems. A Weed and Seed Community (WSC) must be developed in partnership with a variety of key local organizations and the local United States Attorney's Office (USAO) to reduce crime and improve the quality of life for residents in a community primarily through the redeployment of existing public and private resources into the community. A WSC also helps to address related social problems that without proper intervention often lead to violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS - AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS UNDER THE PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1965

Eligible Applicants: Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

Additional Information on Eligibility: Pursuant to PWEDA, eligible applicants for and eligible recipients of EDA investment assistance include a(n): (i) District Organization; (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, a city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State. See section 3 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. § 3122) and 13 C.F.R. § 300.3. Projects eligible for Public Works or Economic Adjustment investment assistance include those projects located in regions meeting "Special Need" criteria (as defined in 13 C.F.R. § 300.3), as set forth in section VIII.B. of this announcement. For-profit, private-sector entities do not qualify for investment assistance under PWEDA. Nonetheless, under its Local Technical Assistance Program or National Technical Assistance Program, EDA may make an award to a for-profit organization to carry out specific research or for other purposes set forth in 13 C.F.R. § 306.1. See also 42 U.S.C. § 3147. EDA is not authorized to provide grants directly to individuals or to for-profit entities seeking to start or expand a private business. Such requests may be referred to State or local agencies, or to non-profit economic development organizations serving the region in which the project will be located.

Description EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. Under this announcement, EDA solicits proposals or applications (as appropriate) for the following programs under PWEDA: (i) Public Works; (ii) Planning; (iii) Local Technical Assistance; and (iv) Economic Adjustment Assistance. EDA will provide Public Works investments to support the construction or rehabilitation of essential public infrastructure and facilities necessary to generate or retain private sector jobs and investments, attract private sector capital, and promote regional competitiveness, including investments that expand and upgrade infrastructure to attract new industry, support technology-led development, accelerate new business development, and enhance the ability of regions to capitalize on opportunities presented by free trade. The Planning Program helps support planning organizations, including District Organizations and Indian Tribes, in the development, implementation, revision, or replacement of comprehensive economic development strategies (CEDs), and for related short-term planning investments and State plans designed to create and retain higher-skill, higher-wage jobs, particularly for the unemployed and underemployed in the nation's most economically distressed regions. The Local Technical Assistance Program helps fill the knowledge and information gaps that may prevent leaders in the public and nonprofit sectors in economically distressed regions from making

optimal decisions on local economic development issues. The Economic Adjustment Assistance Program provides a wide range of technical, planning, and infrastructure assistance in regions experiencing adverse economic changes that may occur suddenly or over time. This program is designed to respond flexibly to pressing economic recovery issues and is well suited to help address challenges faced by U.S. communities and regions.

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[FY 2008 Economic Development Assistance Programs Competition](#)

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ASIAN AMERICAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER-SERVING INSTITUTIONS (AANAPISI), CFDA NUMBER 84.382B: NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR NEW AWARDS FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2008

EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM: NATIONAL INITIATIVES FY 2008 GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT ELIGIBILITY

Applicants are limited to national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government that support national initiatives to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system. (See "Eligibility," page 1)

Deadline All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. e.t. on June 11, 2008 (See "Deadline: Applications," page 1)

Contact Information For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact BJA toll-free at 1-866-859-2687 or e-mail Byrne.Discretionary@usdoj.gov.

This application must be submitted through Grants.gov. For technical assistance with submitting the application, call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 1-800-518-4726. Grants.Gov number assigned to announcement: BJA-2008-1866

Release date: May 6, 2008

Description: This program helps local communities improve the capacity of local justice systems and provides for national support efforts including training and technical assistance programs strategically targeted to address local needs. Funds can be used for national scope replication, expansion, enhancement, training, and/or technical assistance programs. The FY 2008 Grant Announcement focuses on national initiatives to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ON TRIBAL LANDS PROGRAM : FY 2008 COMPETITIVE GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Eligibility Applicants are limited to federally recognized tribal governments.

(See "Eligibility," page 1)

Deadline All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. e.t. on June 12, 2008. (See "Deadline: Applications," page 1)

Contact Information For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact Julius Dupree, Policy Advisor for Corrections, at 202-514-1928 or Julius.Dupree@usdoj.gov

Friday, May 23, 2008

This application must be submitted through Grants.gov. For technical assistance with submitting the application, call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 1-800-518-4726.

Grants.Gov number assigned to announcement: BJA-2008-1878 Release date: May 13, 2008

**COMPREHENSIVE APPROACHES TO SEX OFFENDER
MANAGEMENT (CASOM) TRAINING AND TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FY 2008 COMPETITIVE GRANT
ANNOUNCEMENT ELIGIBILITY**

National Training and Technical Assistance Program applicants are limited to for-profit (commercial) organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal entities, and consortiums with demonstrated experience in sex offender management and accountability issues and delivery of training and technical assistance on a national level. State and Tribal Training and Technical Assistance Applicants are limited to states, including territories and the District of Columbia, and federally recognized American Indian Tribes. (See "Eligibility," page 1)

Deadline All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. E.T. on May 29, 2008. (See "Deadline: Applications," page 1)

Contact Information For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact: Jacqueline O'Reilly, Grants Program Specialist, at 202-514-5024 or jacqueline.o'reilly@usdoj.gov.

This application must be submitted through Grants.gov. For technical assistance with submitting the application, call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 1-800-518-4726.

Grants.Gov number assigned to announcement: SMART-2008-1893

Release date: May 14, 2008